

SOUTH DAVIS COUNTY TRANSIT DEIS Woods Cross Sub-Committee Meeting No. 2 - Summary

Project:
South Davis County Transit DEIS

Meeting Purpose:
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Meeting
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
April 26, 2007

Location:
Woods Cross City Hall

Attendee

Kerry Doane
Angelo Papastamos
Colleen Lavery
Robin Hutcheson
Jacqueline Jensen
Saffron Capson
Kim Clark
Tim Stevens (representative)
Jon Hadlow
Lenore Peterson
Leo Beecher
Anne Blankenship

Representing

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UDOT
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Fehr & Peers
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Process

S. Capson began by explaining where the project currently is in the overall process. She indicated that the purpose and need and evaluation criteria for the project are currently being developed. Input from the next round of sub-committee meetings will also be used to accomplish these tasks.

Identification of Goals and Objectives

It was explained the community visions identified at each of the sub-committee meetings were used to create a list of goals and objectives for the project. At the regional workshop the list of goals and objectives was prioritized. S. Capson highlighted some of the highest ranking goals and objectives, including the number one goal to “create a complete transit system within the region that connects to transit options serving outside the region.”

Identification of Problem Statements

It was explained the community needs and concerns identified at each of the sub-committee meetings were used to create a list of problem statements for the project. The project team summarized the list into 14 problem statements. S. Capson reviewed the 14 statements with the sub-committee.

Purpose and Need

The development of a “purpose and need” statement is part of FTA requirements for this project. S. Capson explained that “goals” and “purpose” are interchangeable terms, as are “problem statements” and “needs”. Draft purpose statements for the project were reviewed along with each of the corresponding needs. Materials to back-up the development of the draft purpose and need statements were provided as handouts to all of the sub-committee members.

Future Conditions

J. Larsen gave a brief overview of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC) regional travel model. He explained input for the model included population, employment and proposed transportation improvements (including Legacy Parkway, Commuter rail, Salt Lake City light rail and BRT projects, the updated bus network, 500 South improvements, Redwood Road improvements and I-15 HOV improvements). Maps illustrating model inputs were shown. It was noted the WFRC demographic projections for 2030 were supplemented by individual meetings with each city in the study area. Information was divided into Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ’s) to help organize the regional data at a local level. Future traffic conditions, travel demand and transit demand maps were also shown.

Objective Exercise

Following is a list of objectives identified by the Woods Cross Sub-Committee members, grouped under purpose headings:

Purpose # 1:

Create a complete transit within the region that connects to transit options serving outside of the region.

Objectives:

1. Improve reliability of transit services.
2. Localized service – serving local trips.
3. Integrated system with Salt Lake City

Purpose # 2:

Improve east-west connectivity.

Objectives:

1. Reduce congestion on east-west roads by enhancing/encouraging transit and non-motorized options (ped/bike).

Purpose # 3:

Reduce auto congestion.

Objectives:

1. Increase transit ridership.
2. Implement travel demand management strategies.

Purpose #4:

Integrate transit investments and land use plans.

Objectives:

1. Opportunity to coordinate business partnerships with transit.
2. Coordinate and collaborate transit investments and land use plans on a regional basis – not just locally (instead of “support cities existing and future land use plans.”)

Purpose # 5:

Increase transit ridership especially during commute times by improving motorized and non-motorized infrastructure that serves transit and providing attractive passenger amenities.

Objectives:

1. Promotable transit system.
2. Cost efficiency – make transit affordable in comparison to personal vehicle (gas, parking, etc.)
3. Provide an advantage to use transit by offering a cost competitive time efficient opportunity.

Comments/Solutions:

1. Under regulations, add “community” before access points.

Future Meetings

Anne Blankenship, Leo Beecher, and Keith Olson will represent the Woods Cross Sub-Committee at the Regional Workshops. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on August 23rd from 4:00-6:00.

Any discrepancies with this meeting summary, please notify Jacqueline Jensen.

Cc: Attendees, Project Contact List, Woods Cross Sub-Committee Members